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## Lt. Bolte States Veterans Desire Place in Society

### A. V. C. Seeks to Establish Veterans as Citizens Of World

Goodhart, January 10. Lt. Charles G. Bolte, chairman of the American Veterans' Committee, speaking in the Alliance Assembly on Servicemen in War and Peace, declared that GI Bills and personal adjustment programs would have no practical value unless a man can take his place as a productive member of society, in a world where neighboring countries get along, and foreign policy begins at home.

Lt. Bolte pointed out that soldiers in the present war are not politically conscious, which fact he attributed to an inherent isolationist background, the failure of the army's orientation course, and the hard physical conditions under which the men are fighting. He

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## Mr. Helson Lectures Before Science Club On 'Color and Space'

Dalton, January 10.

"Color is a visual experience in which a stimulus affects the eye and brain of the observer," said Mr. Harry Helson, while discussing the "Interactions of color and space" in the first Science Club lecture. Last year Mr. Helson discussed color alone, which he said is a much less complicated problem than that of color and space interacting.

Together with space, color presents some interesting variations. The traditional view is that color is the feeling of vision, while space is the form of vision. The eye receives an infinity of wave lengths, and acts as an integrating and

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## Canteen Class Helps Prepare College Food

The Nutrition Class of twelve students, held on campus this fall, under the auspices of the Bryn Mawr Red Cross unit, has now been completed.

Those students who have taken this course are now doing canteen work in the Bryn Mawr kitchens. They help peel the vegetables, and also learn how food is prepared in large quantities. This practical work on campus is in preparation for future work in Blood Donor canteens and hospital kitchens. Joy Rutland '46 is head of this canteen group, and Miss Howe and Miss Bacheller have helped direct the work on campus.

Fifteen students are already doing volunteer work in the diet kitchen of the Bryn Mawr Hospital. They work in groups of two for two hour shifts, morning and night.

## Harvard, Bryn Mawr Combined Glee Clubs To Present Concert

On February 8, the Harvard Glee Club will come here to present a combined concert with Bryn Mawr. The concert will be directed by G. W. Woodworth, conductor of the Harvard Glee Club, and by Bryn Mawr's conductor, Mrs. L. C. de Varon, with Irving Fine, accompanying his own compositions. The program is:

### I

Motet: O Thou The Central Orb, Orlando Gibbons.

Two Madrigals: A Ueta vita, Tutti venite armati, Gattoldi.

Bacchanale, from La Belle Helene, Jacques Offenbach.

Magdlein in Walde, Czech Folk Song, arr. by Antonin Dvorak.

Chorus from Patience, Arthur Sullivan, The Harvard Glee Club.

### II

Motet: Oculis Non Videt, Orlando Gibbons.

A Madrigal and a Chanson: Resvelons Nous, Guillaume Dufay; The Nightingale, Thomas Weelkes.

Ave Maria, Zoltan Kodaly.

Ave Maria, Gustave Holst.

Bryn Mawr Choir

### III

Chorus from Cantata 16, for New Year's Day, J. S. Bach, Lasst uns jauchzen, lasst uns freuen.

### Intermission

### IV

Three Choruses from Solomon, George Frederick. Music, spread thy voice abroad; Draw the tear from hopeless love.

### V

Three Choral Patterns from The New Yorker, Irving Fine: Allegro Concertante, .. Plonola .. D'Amore; Scherzande, Caroline Million; Epilogue, Design for October.

### VI

Alleluia, Randall Thompson.

The two soloists from Bryn Mawr for Caroline Million will be Ann Matlack '47 and Barbara Nugent '48, and Rosamund Kent '45 and Barbara Stix '47 will play the flute obligato for Handel's May No Rask Intruder.

After the concert there will be refreshments and a victrola dance for Harvard and the Bryn Mawr Choir.

Tickets will be on sale starting Thursday, January 18, in the Publicity Office in Taylor. The price for students is 50 cents; other tickets are one dollar.

## 2 Philosophy Courses Added to Curriculum

Two new courses are offered for the second semester, both advanced electives in philosophy, with a half unit of credit each.

Mr. Veltman, part-time lecturer in philosophy will give a course on Schopenhauer, planned to complement that in German Idealism given in the first semester, and required for majors in philosophy.

A course entitled the Philosophy of Mind will be conducted by Mr. Erich Frank, Lecturer in Greek and new-comer to the Bryn Mawr faculty this year. The subject includes the problems of epistemology and metaphysics with special consideration of the philosophy of history.

## Hall Presidents Find Rationing Confusing; Miss Bacheller Explains Problems of Food

By Harriet Ward '48

To those Bryn Mawrtys who raise skeptical eyebrows at vegetable dinners, sniff disdainfully at chow mein, and hide their meal-time woes in knitting, Miss Bacheller, the campus dietitian, can offer sufficient explanation but little solace. In 1945 students will just have to remain calm when they hear that "boiled rooster" is on the menu for dinner.

### Butter

The meat-versus-butter controversy stood foremost in the discussion between Miss Bacheller and the hall presidents last Thursday. It seems that many students much prefer that the 3840 points spent for butter each week be diverted to items that more nearly resemble a juicy slice of roast beef. After weeks of vacation, the majority are quite accustomed to margarine anyhow. But according to Miss Bacheller this is where the hitch comes in. Because Bryn Mawr is an institution, it must pay a Federal tax if it serves colored margarine on its tables, and if it serves colored margarine without paying the tax, it must pay a heavy fine. White margarine is not very palatable, but the question is still under consideration.

### Shortage

Even if Miss Bacheller did have an abundance of points to splurge on meat, Bryn Mawr tables would still be graced with a preponderance of fish, tongue, and eggs. Since utility beef was placed on the ration list in December, and many other point values were raised, she has been completely at the mercy of wholesalers. In fact, sometimes the wholesalers have nothing, and the college eats sandwiches for Sunday supper.

The hall presidents reported

to the dietitian some of the current campus grouches along the food line. It seems that only the German House is enjoying its breakfast coffee. Miss Bacheller exploded the theory that left-over demi-tasse appears on the breakfast table. No coffee is ever used again. As for the flavor, the urns in each hall are checked regularly. For the interest of midnight cramblers existing on caffeine energy, the dietitian hinted that it is possible that coffee and tea may both be rationed in the near future. However, we still would like to know the German House's secret.

### Compensation

As for those militant nutrition experts, who denounce the number of "all-white dinners" and "over-starchy meals," Miss Bacheller pointed out that what is missing in one meal is compensated for in another that day.

In fact, anyone who has ever struggled over an obstinate check-book will wonder how Miss Bacheller manages at all. People who labor under the illusion that the points from their books are gaily torn out and tossed into the wastebasket are quite wrong. All the

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## God, Man and Jesus Topic of Theologist In Series of Talks

A series of three lectures on religion are to be given at the college in February by Robert Lowry Calhoun, Professor of Historical Theology at Yale University. Discussing Basic Christian Doctrines, Dr. Calhoun will deal specifically with God, Man, and Jesus.

As a result of the success of the three separate lectures last year on the general subject of religion, the college has asked Dr. Calhoun to give this series of informal talks to be accompanied by discussion. They will take place on successive Monday nights, February 12, 19, and 26, at 8:00.

An authority on the history of philosophy and theology, Dr. Calhoun has written articles on subjects pertaining to religious realism, the meaning of the humanities, and religion in the modern world. He received his undergraduate training at Carleton College and his graduate training chiefly at Yale. After two years of teaching at Carleton, he became a member of the Yale faculty in 1923.

## Proverbial Stork in Foster Parent Guise Presents Denbigh, Pembroke with Children

by Rosina Bateson '47

The possibilities of becoming a parent, or rather a foster parent, have been pressing heavily upon Pembroke and Denbigh. The universal question of "will it be a boy or a girl?" has caused many heated arguments, with the additional problem of whether "it" would be three or thirteen; French, Italian, Spanish or English.

### Choice Made

The proverbial stork, in the guise of the foster parents plan for War Children, has now produced the hoped-for results: Pem-

## Dean Discusses Russia as Power For Future World

### Russia's Attitude Determined By Geographic, Economic Position

"It is essential to understand the Russians in terms of their own history," declared Mrs. Vera Micheles Dean, in a discussion of Russia as a world power, for the Marion Edward Park Lecture Fund. Russia's attitude, Mrs. Dean feels, is largely determined by her geographic position and her economic development.

### Sea Route

Russia is an immense continent whose interests geographically range from Europe to Asia. She is virtually land-locked, for all her openings to the sea are controlled by another, usually hostile, power. Russian relations with the outside world before 1917 were a long series of attempts to gain some relatively unrestricted opening to the sea routes of the world.

This history of conflict contributes to a rather contradictory Russian attitude towards the outside world. First, the Russians feel an eager curiosity about conditions outside their borders; but when this interest reaches a certain height of participation in foreign affairs, the Russians are suddenly seized with a fear of European hostility to their country, and they retire again into their isolated state. This revulsion has always been accentuated by the Russians' feeling of inferiority about their lack of industrial development.

### Industry

Russia's economic situation has been the second great problem in her development. She has been considered as a semi-colonial state, an agricultural nation whose great production of raw materials would make her a ready market for western industrial products. Her industry has been confined, until recently, to railroads and public utilities, plus a few firms producing minor civilian goods. However, all of this industry was financed by foreign capital, owing to the fear prevalent among Russian landowners that any sizeable proletariat would endanger their economic control of the country. Russian fear of foreign economic domination

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Calendar	
Thursday, January 18	Orders and Retakes of Senior pictures for the Yearbook in the Common Room.
Friday, January 19	Last day of lectures of the first semester.
Saturday, January 20	French examination for Senior conditions. Taylor, 9:00.
Monday, January 22 through Wednesday, January 31	Mid-year Examination period.
Wednesday, January 24	Entertainment for Servicemen from Atlantic City, Common Room, 4:00.
Friday, January 26	Philadelphia Branch of the American Association of Scientific Workers: American Science and the Good-Neighbor Policy, Christian Association Building, Philadelphia, 8:00.
Sunday, January 28	Chapel. Dr. Henry C. Meserve, Music Room, 7:15.
Thursday, February 1	Work of the second semester begins, 9:00.
Spanish Club Tea, Common Room, 4:00-6:00.	
Friday, February 2	Non-Resident Tea, Common Room, 4:00.
Saturday, February 3	Harvard-Bryn Mawr Concert, Goodhart, 8:00.
Sunday, February 4	Chapel, Dr. Rufus M. Jones, Music Room, 7:15.
Monday, February 6	Current Events, Common Room, 7:15.
Wednesday, February 7	College Council, President's House, 6:00.
Science Club, Miss Lehr, Dalton, 8:00.	



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## Conscription

The President's message asking for the conscription of 4 F's and nurses comes at a time when there can be no further delay in the complete mobilization of the nation's resources to meet the exigencies of war. It is hoped that the new Congress has been sufficiently affected by the tremendous setback suffered by the Allies on the western front to take immediate action on such legislation.

The drafting of 4 F's would mean the total conscription of manpower in the United States while the drafting of civilian nurses would still leave millions of women not participating in the war effort. The demand for nurses is indeed the most critical problem to be considered now but there is also a great necessity for the registration of all women. Another year of war might mean that industry, governmental agencies, and the women's services would be as urgently in need of women as hospitals are now. The delays involved in the passing of a second service act would be avoided if a registration law, such as exists in England, were passed this year. Immediate action could then be taken to draft women for any branch of the war effort where they are needed.

But however remote may seem the possibility of a service act for all women, legislation for the conscription of nurses seems immediately forthcoming. If adequate measures had been taken sooner to recruit nurses instead of relying entirely on volunteers, the critical situation that exists would never have developed. Reports of conditions in hospitals abroad and at home show that the lives of wounded men are seriously endangered by the lack of adequate care. Increased military operations on all fronts demand the service of all graduate nurses and the training of a great many more.

While we as college students will probably not be affected by a conscription law, we must assume some responsibility in aiding the war effort. This can best be done by becoming nurse's aides in order to release nurses for overseas duty. With careful planning, a great many more students can find time for such vital and necessary work. A second nurse's aid class will open in February and it is imperative that there be a large registration.

## Nuts and Bolts

A plan somewhat like that proposed in the News last week for the production of one act plays has been put into effect at Temple University. No course in experimental play writing is being offered but a group of students has organized a theatre in which they aim to present original plays. Dissatisfied because of the few productions on campus, the students

formed their "laboratory theatre" to gain experience in staging, acting, directing and makeup.

At the University of Toronto, a Modern Letters club has been formed by literary-minded students to discuss subjects not included in regular English courses. The club was formed "as a meeting-place and stamping ground for U.

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The moving pencil writes, and having writ, moves on, because of all you may have writ, let's not recall a word of it! This is my prayer as I turn my eye-strain off the lib and onto exam books. Leering blankly they envelope my week thoughts, so that the mixture of vacuum and substance is definitely less than fifty-fifty. O for some good old ninety proof and just a jug of thou! Let us turn the windshield wiper on the past regardless of the fact that we're just tired of retreading. Lend me a spade to resurrect the past, and let him who can bury himself!

This frantic paean, phrased to the all night jag conveys that symbolic universalization sublimated, "dum spiro, expiro". That is all but much too much. As long as I can flunk my mid-years there will always be an England. Just be rational, and nothing can get you down. This is another way of saying let's be short-sighted until we get our glasses re-ground, for as there are classes of glasses, so there are classes of losses, and losses, but the greatest of these is zero.

Thus fortified I now may face the ante-diluvian era with a double front and plenty of buffers. When and if the wild bells shall ring-out that the brave new world (otherwise known as Semester II) may possibly dawn I shall be ready to hear the call—in some quiet rest home.

## Board Urges Membership In Nurses' Aide Class On Campus

To the Editor:

A new Nurses' Aide class will be offered to Bryn Mawr students starting the second week in February. We cannot urge you too strongly to consider taking the course so that you can be trained Aide before the end of the new semester.

An appeal was made to you last term, but now there are entirely new and weighty reasons why girls who would not have thought of it at all should seriously plan to become trained Aides now. The President's message described the shortage of nurses in the military hospitals, and the proposed bill to draft civilian nurses, makes the shortage of nurses that was before critical now appear drastic.

We have been restless, wanting to be really useful when others are sacrificing. Now where we are needed is obvious. We, as women at home, have been asked to be ready to assist over-worked doctors and nurses in caring for the sick. Not only are we needed to help release nurses for the fronts and for veterans' hospitals, but as the shortage becomes increasingly severe, we as trained Aides will be invaluable to our communities and to our families.

Board of College Red Cross Unit.

## Need for Nurse's Aides From B. M. Outlined By Students

To the Editor:

The recent plea for Nurse's Aides is evidence of a pressing need which we as an organized group could do much to answer. The experiences of many students already doing this work demonstrates to us the urgency. In a ward for 30 at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Patricia Acheson worked alone with only two student nurses. In another ward Barbara Rebmann was the only Aide to one nurse. As they reported for duty a doctor was being frantically called to release his patient's night nurse, since some of the wards apparently had no nurse at all.

We feel that as well as relieving a critical need this work would help to dissolve our sense of seclusion from the war. However, many of us hesitate to add anything to an already crowded academic schedule. We think that even the best use of our time will not allow us to do both of these well.

To provide a more adequate balance between study and war service it is necessary to consider a reorganization of the schedule. We would suggest a plan which would recognize the increased need for our energies in the community.

One more might be the granting of some academic credit for Nurse's Aides. In our opinion this would not lower Bryn Mawr standards. As individuals we intend to maintain our present level of work. However, we feel that war demands a temporary adjustment which would shift part of the emphasis to meet the changing community needs.

Helen Reed '46  
Joy Rutland '46  
Marie Wasserman '46  
Dorothy Bruchholz '46  
Margaret McPhedran '46

## 25 Years Ago

Excerpts from the College News of February 26, 1920:

To Study College Life for New Novel

"Many American girls and a great college will appear in my new novel, *El Paradiso de las Mujeres* (The Paradise of Women), wrote Blasco-Ibanez to the president of the Spanish Club, when he was accepting her invitation to come to Bryn Mawr.

Since Ibanez refused an offer to go to the University of Pennsylvania, to come to Bryn Mawr, because he is anxious to study the life of an American woman's college, he will be given an opportunity to see as many of the college activities as possible. A water polo game will be staged for him, so that his desire to "see the women run after a ball" will be gratified.

Drama Technique Class to Write Movie Scenario

A moving picture, written and acted by Bryn Mawr students, may be staged on campus and shown to aid the publicity of the Endowment Drive. . . . Students in Dr. Savage's class in the technique of drama, are collaborating in writing the scenario which will have a plot containing scenes on the campus: in the halls, the swimming pool, gymnasium, etc.

Halls to Compete for Fire Drill Prize

Competitive fire drills start with Continued on Page 1

## Current Events

Common Room, January 15. Miss Robbins presented a summary of the important military and political events of the week in the Current Events discussion, pointing to Senator Vandenberg's speech as outstanding in the domestic news.

The war front news in general, Miss Robbins said, is excellent. In the Pacific, the capture of Luzon marks an important gain, leaving Tarlac and Manila as the immediate objectives. Some reports indicate that they will fall by January 26. The capture of Aihau and the advance to Mandalay are so significant that it is thought that the road to China will be free for in-going supplies by the end of the week.

In western Europe the best news has been that the weather has cleared, making possible great allied air gains. It is probable, Miss Robbins stated, that the battle on land will move much more quickly in the days to come. The most dangerous situation on the western front at the moment is that at Strassburg, although it seems to be nearly under control. General Patch's intention to hold the town is of vital importance because of its effect on the French morale.

The chief event of the week is the Russian offensive, which, according to the Germans, is being felt at three separate places, in General Konev's push south of Warsaw, and in the drives into Czechoslovakia and Budapest.

In the political news, the Polish question has come into focus once more. Meanwhile, the Czechs are handling their political affairs by themselves and the reports from

Greece are confused, but it seems certain that hostilities have ceased almost entirely and that the question of hostages is foremost in importance. Negrin's speech was named by Miss Robbins as an excellent statement of Spanish policy. Pointing out that Spain has never been neutral and that her sympathies have always been with the anti-axis group, he said that the country wants to be left free to settle her own problems and to become a peaceful republic.

Senator Vandenberg's speech represents a reversal of his own stand on isolation, and undoubtedly that of a great many of his party.

The Senator gave as his reason the desire to prevent the European allies from thinking that America will walk out on the peace and its problems.

## Opinion

## Mobile Unit Renews Plea For Blood Donations Feb. 14, 15, 16

An open letter to the Squeamish:

This is not a scolding letter—you have a natural tendency or right to be squeamish, but fortunately it's not an inalienable right. Most of us (probably all but a few rugged souls) who have already donated blood were very distinctly squeamish the first time. But we backed up considerably when we heard about the coffee, doughnuts, and that delightful aura of glory that the Red Cross showers upon you.

We're appealing to you, The Squeamish, because we don't believe that there are any who are really indifferent. We think that besides those unfortunates who are

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## WHAT TO DO

### After Graduation

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Please see Miss Bowman

### Seniors

Seniors who want positions next year please register with the Bureau of Recommendations, during mid-years if possible. A schedule of appointments for next week is posted on the bulletin board outside of Room H.

## Dean Discusses Russia As New World Power

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tion has colored the whole Soviet industrialization policy. In the face of much human suffering caused by their single-minded efforts they have effected the establishment of a large heavy industry without the assistance of foreign capital. This war has given the Russians a chance to prove both to themselves and the rest of the world that they are no longer a backward country, removing any cause for a feeling of national inferiority.

### Two Aims

Russia at present, said Mrs. Dean, has two primary aims, one immediate, the other long-term. The first of these, which is to the Russians a far more crucial matter than to the Allies, is to win the war as soon as possible, to prevent any further losses of manpower. The second, which is Russia's post-war policy, is to gain some sort of security from future German aggression.

### Security

This latter problem is approached in two ways: first, through the medium of an international organization possessed of effective powers; or second, the Russian's will pursue their end by the creation of a security bloc of annexations or of friendly governments on their borders. Until the Russians are convinced that we will make the international organization an effective force in world politics, they will continue to organize this "cordon sanitaire" on their western approaches.

"It is my conviction that the Russian system is a system which will have little influence on the countries of the western world which have had experience with the concept and practice of private property," said Mrs. Dean. The failure of the western democracies

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adapting agent. Background plays an important part in the modification of sight, as Mr. Helson proved with varied colored spots on black and "desaturated yellow" cardboard. The surroundings of the infield tinge the object with the complementary colors of the background.

Giving a practical application to the problem, Mr. Helson offered the example of the illumination in the new wing of the library. It isn't possible to tell whether the walls are pink or white if you do not look at the ceiling.

## Deanery

Seniors may use the Deanery during the second semester for luncheon and dinner. Because of the difficulty in obtaining food, they may not bring other Undergraduates to the Deanery as their guests.

The House Committee wishes to draw the attention of the Undergraduates to the following rule: That no student is permitted to wear shorts, slacks, or pajamas on the first floor of the Deanery. The Manager of the Deanery has been asked to enforce this rule.

## Bolte Says Veterans Wish Place in Society

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prophesied, however, that the country will see a political shift when the war is over. Our soldiers will demand a pragmatic test of senators' easy phrases, and will be dissatisfied if they are denied a voice in their own future.

If a voice is denied homecoming veterans, said Lt. Bolte, many potentially dangerous "veterans' societies" will spring up. He cited the Fascisti march on Rome led by revolting veterans, as an example of such societies' power.

In a discussion following the lecture, Lt. Bolte said that he believed the majority of servicemen would want to settle down immediately, but he estimated that at least 750,000 soldiers would desire to return to college, the number varying according to economic conditions within the country.

The American Veterans' Committee is not an organization to secure pensions. Its program is to establish the veterans as civilians first, and to join their cause with that of the country's.

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under 18, anemic, or terribly under par, there is a sizeable group of people who are a little scared, and perhaps even some who are trying to persuade their consciences that it would be "too much to do with all the schoolwork." You know the desperate need—which grows rather than decreases. So please remember to ask the people listed below for releases if you are under 21, and have about two hours on Feb. 14, 15, or 16 when the Mobile Unit will be at Ardmore. And if you're still doubtful—well, ask the girl who's done it.

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## Scientists Will Hear Lehr, Green, Berliner

Miss Marguerite Lehr of the mathematics department will give the second in a series of monthly lectures planned by the Science Club on February 2.

On March 21 Dr. Louis Green, lecturer in physics from Haverford, will take the club to Haverford observatory to speak. The speaker for April will be Dr. Ernst Berliner from the chemistry department. Dr. Daniel Harris, biology, will speak in May.

Elizabeth Blommers '45, president of the Science Club, announces that an attempt is being made to have Dr. Strumia from the Bryn Mawr Hospital give a talk originally scheduled for last fall. The group also plans a trip through Franklin Institute as soon as possible. All members of the college are invited to attend these functions.

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## IN PRINT

### Socialism Proved No Panacea In 'The Road to Serfdom' By Hayek

By Nancy Morehouse '47

Professor Friedrich A. Hayek of the London School of Economics has written a very interesting book, *The Road to Serfdom*. This book is intended as a warning to all socialist-minded liberals who have turned to socialism as a panacea for the ills of the world. Mr. Hayek presents the basic thesis that all centralized authority leads inevitably to totalitarianism. He offers two gloomy alternatives: submission to the personal control of a planning authority or the impersonal rule of the market. He admits of no middle road in the future.

His spectre of the planned society is truly awful to behold: all aims are submitted to the direction of the master plan, and all discrepancies are eliminated. The status of each citizen is fixed and immutable, and society becomes a static organization. Because of the necessity for unanimous agreement and expert direction of the plan, democratic political apparatus is quite useless. Since the plan has become identified with the ultimate happiness of society and since all social action must be directed towards its furtherance, western standards of morality cease to be valid as a criterion for human action.

Alternately, the free state under the control of the impersonal market presents a vista of happy existences. Unfortunately for Mr. Hayek, it is here that he comes to grief. In order to be a truly free society, this state must be free of all centralized control. Yet Mr. Hayek is too much of a liberal to deny that the unrestricted operation of the "seemingly irrational forces of the market" tends to create abuses which in the interests of the individual must be eliminated as far as possible by government action, which necessitates centralized administration to be effective. Furthermore, these regulations must be enforced by legal decisions which are the product of human effort. This control, the necessity of which is admitted by Mr. Hayek, introduced the contrary elements of centralized authority and personal control into Mr. Hayek's free society, invalidating either the concept of a free society or the basic thesis of the book.

Despite this error in judgment, the book is valuable as a thought-provoker of the problems we are facing, and it does have one valuable lesson for all socialists: that concerted human effort in pursuit of a specific aim seldom achieves its end.

### Current Events

Current Events will discontinue for the January 22 to January 29 exam period. Regular Monday night discussions will be resumed on February 5.

### Denbigh, Pembroke Get Foster Children

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showing how to draw, and a nice pull-over."

#### Birthday Box

Patrick, it can be gathered from this, is interested in painting. A crayon drawing entitled "The Happy Gardeners Go Home" was enclosed in the letter, and Pembroke West, idly wondering whether fourteen is too young for post-war planning, concentrates on the present with ideas of a birthday box for Patrick.

Pembroke East is in a dilemma, for their adopted child, Fernando Ragni, has written them a letter in Italian. As yet it has not been interpreted, but his story is known through the bureau. An orphan, Fernando lost his father several years ago. His mother was killed in a bombing of their city, and the boy was found unconscious. Taken to a hospital, Fernando discovered his younger sister, whom he had never seen before, since she had been cared for by the nuns. The report says that the boy's main ambition is to be a tailor, and to make clothes with good materials.

#### Denbigh's Child

Denbigh's child, Nievas, which means "snow" in English, loves to sing and dance. She also loves "pretty things", and would like nothing more than to be a shop girl, where she could sell gay clothes.

It has been rumored that several of the other halls are expecting to become "parents". The need of these children is great, and every effort to help them is appreciated.

### Hall Presidents Find Food Shortage Acute

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books are surrendered to the village ration board which in turn deposits a certain amount of certificates at the Bryn Mawr Trust Company. The college draws checks on these and receives monthly statements (which must be balanced in the usual tedious manner). At Thursday's tea the hall presidents handled a 7200 point butter check with reverence.

People who plan to console themselves with more between-meal snacks in 1945 are in for a shock. Miss Bacheller has heard that all jama and jellies may soon have points.

## Exams Bring Back Memories of Troubles Encountered by Self-Gov't in Gay Nineties

Examinations draw near, and papers leave us gasping, with pencils permanently clenched in our cold, dying fists. Facetious fools have again begun to advocate a bar in Taylor and the awarding of pensions from Self-Government for the wounds incurred from the battle of trying to remain an ipso facto somebody or other. Always aiming for the bright side of things, the News presents a survey of the indignities imposed on past generations of Bryn Mawr students.

It was in regard to the question of dress that the board was really severe with our simple sisters of the gay nineties. "No fancy dress shall be worn in the dining room." On Sunday morning "students shall not go off campus before dinner without hats." Worst of all was the ruling which read: "No men's clothes, bathing capes or bloomers shall be worn by the students on the campus or in the public parts of the halls at any time without being completely covered." Students were compelled to wear their "hair hanging only when securely tied or braided" and to be otherwise neatly dressed.

The question of chaperoning was a crucial one. "Theatre etc., in the evening with a man is decidedly to be chaperoned." Teas in the hall had to "be very carefully chaperoned", and Broad Street Station was the only place where a student might lunch or dine in town unchaperoned. As a great concession it was admitted that "through courtesy of their hostess" students may be forced to break chaperonage rules, but this act of leniency is followed closely by this stern if somewhat naive sentence: "Going away from college with the express purpose of breaking a rule is directly contrary to the spirit of the association."

A rather different spirit is shown in the rule which reads: "Flowers or branches may not be taken in

large quantities from the surrounding country without direct permission". We have vainly puzzled over the origin of this—has the aesthetic sense of Bryn Mawr become less keen in the last thirty years so that we no longer tear madly into the environs in search of blooming decorations for the room, or did the rule become unnecessary with the advent of Jeannett's?

Smoking when it first became prevalent was a major college problem. After many pages of pros and cons (mostly cons) it was decided that smoking could not be permitted since it was "practically very disagreeable", filled the corridors with smoke (cigarettes were apparently powerful in those days) and gave the college a "bad name".

In the midst of all these puritanical laws, we came across this rule which surprised, amazed and caused us to wonder sadly where it had gotten lost in the course of the years:

"Students must not serve wine in any form to guests and also students may not drink wine together except in the single case of two room-mates".

### Nuts and Bolts

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creative writing and literary appreciation." Meetings are to be organized around papers written by members, to avoid lectures by guest speakers and to keep it a purely student organization.

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### 25 Years Ago

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in the next few weeks. The drilla... will be marked on a basis of time, order and dress. Merion Hall won the prize last year—\$8.00 collected from the fines of the other halls. For the two previous years Radnor Hall was the winner.

### Merit Insurance Company Pays 63c per Examination

Losing 53 examinations out of the 202 it insured; the Campus Merit Insurance Company wound up its business last pay-day. Each person failing to get merit in an insured subject received 63 cents.

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